

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY , :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

PAUL E. LINDSTROM, D.V.M., :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0001165

[Division of Enforcement Case #10 VET 028]

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Paul E. Lindstrom, D.V.M.
608 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Veterinary Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Paul E. Lindstrom, D.V.M., was born on March 15, 1963, and is licensed to practice as a veterinarian in the State of Wisconsin (license #3448-50). This license was first granted on August 8, 1989.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Veterinary Examining Board is 608 Roosevelt Road, Niagara, Wisconsin.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was employed as a licensed veterinarian at Hometown Animal Hospital, located in Niagara, Wisconsin.

4. On April 21, 2010, "Meeker," a 22 month old cat, domestic shorthair, presented at Respondent's clinic for onychectomy surgery. Following surgery, Meeker reacted adversely to the morphine administered.

5. The Department's investigation of the Respondent included a review of Respondent's veterinarian records related to Meeker's examination, treatment and surgery on April 21, 2010.

6. Respondent's veterinarian records were deficient in that Respondent failed to include:

- a. Documentation of a physical examination that assessed the overall health of the patient or its suitability as a surgery patient at the initial presentation;
- b. Documentation of pain medications administered, including dosage and consultation, if any;
- c. A surgical monitoring report;
- d. Identification of the treating veterinarian; and
- e. A post-surgical monitoring report.

7. Respondent's record keeping deviated from the standard practice and minimum competence in veterinary medicine.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described above violated Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.03(2) which constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.06(15) and subjects the Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(2)(a).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Paul E. Lindstrom, D.V.M. (license #3448-50) is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine is LIMITED by the condition that, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain and successfully complete the Record Keeping class offered by the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

- a. Within 30 days after Respondent has completed the educational program, Respondent shall submit to the Department Monitor proof of his attendance and that he has successfully completed the educational program.
- b. Respondent cannot apply these hours of education to the biennial continuing education requirements.
- c. The Limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after he has satisfied the Board or its designee that he has successfully completed all of the ordered education.
- d. Proof of successful completion shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.
- e. Respondent is responsible for all costs of compliance with this Order.

3. Within six months following completion of the course, Respondent shall allow an audit of his veterinarian records by the Board or its designee.

4. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817
Fax (608) 266-2264

5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to provide evidence of satisfactory completion of the education, or pay the costs as set forth above in a timely matter, the Respondent's license (#3448-50) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further

notice or hearing, until Respondent has paid costs and submitted evidence of satisfactory completion of the education.

6. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

By:  
A Member of the Board

10-19-11
Date